Removal of Contaminated Passaic River Sediment Begins at River Mile 10.9, Lyndhurst, NJ Press Event to be Held on August 7, 2013 in Riverside County Park - North

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is holding a press event to kick off the start of dredging of contaminated mud flat sediment from the Passaic River at River Mile 10.9 adjacent to Riverside County Park - North. You are cordially invited to participate in this important step in cleaning up and restoring the health of the lower Passaic River. Please plan to join us at the press event on Wednesday August 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Riverside County Park – North in the area near the Bocci Ball courts (south side of the park).

Project Background

Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of contaminated mud flat sediment, the top two feet of riverbed mud, will be removed from a 5.5 acre area of the Passaic River at River Mile 10.9, just south of the Route 3 Bridge. The dredged sediment will be transported by barge for processing and stabilization and disposed of at an out-of-state disposal facility. An engineered, protective cap will then be placed over the dredged area. All work will be conducted from the water. Work is expected to take place 12 hours a day for six days a week. No overnight work is planned. Work is expected to be completed in December 2013.

If you would like additional information on this event, please contact Wanda Ayala, EPA, Community Involvement Coordinator, at (212) 637-3676 or via email ayala.wanda@epa.gov